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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to incorporate suggestions made by the Examiner. Specifically, the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006 indicates that Claims 17, 18 and 23 define allowable subject matter, but that the Examiner objects to the form of these claims. The Examiner has suggested that Claim 23 be amended to more clearly indicate that the adhesive tie layer refers back to the specific adhesive tie layer composition of Claim 1.

Applicant has amended the claims in the present application to take into account the Examiner's objections and to set out the allowable subject matter in a clearer format. To this end Claims 1-3, 9 and 11-12 have been cancelled and Claim 17 has been amended to put it in proper independent form. Applicant has amended Claims 4-8, 10, 13-16 and 18, formerly dependent on cancelled Claim 1 (or claims dependent thereon), so that those claims are now dependent on Claim 17 or claims dependent thereon.

In addition, Applicant has amended Claim 23, indicated as containing allowable subject matter, so that it is in proper independent form. New claims 24-37 are dependent on Claim 23. These claims represent embodiments of the invention of Claim 23. Support for Claim 24 is found in Examples 1A-6C. Support for the Claims 25 and 26 is found at page 7, line 34 – page 8, line 4 of the specification. Support for Claim 27 is found in the specification at page 4, lines 23-34. Support for Claim 28 is found at page 4, lines 35-38. Support for Claims 29 and 30 is found in Examples 1A-1C. Support for Claim 31 is found in Table 10, Example 7A. Support for Claims 32 – 34 is found in original claims 13-15 and in the specification at page 4, lines 19-22. Support for Claim 35 is found in the Examples (see especially pages 22-23).

No new matter is introduced by the amendments.

Applicant believes that the amended claims are in condition for allowance because they recite subject matter coextensive with that the Examiner has stated is allowable. The amended claims merely recite the allowable subject matter in a clarified format.

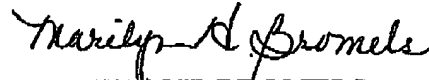
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In view of the amendments to the claims and for the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and the Examiner reconsider allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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